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In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby directs the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08a submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the above referenced U.S. patent application. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the foregoing references and evidence such consideration by making notations as appropriate on the attached form.

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